

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical waveguide is formed on a substrate and includes a curved ridge structure, a curved optical path, and a buffer layer. The curved ridge structure is formed on the substrate so as to have a curvature in a longitudinal direction of the curved ridge structure. The curved optical path is formed along the curved ridge structure. The buffer layer covers a side of the ridge structure and has a lower refractive index than a refractive index of the substrate.

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